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Kansas Count the Kicks® - A stillbirth prevention initiative

by Kelli Mark, Bureau of Family Health, Kansas Department of Health and Environment



In 2016, the perinatal period III death rate in Kansas was **9.8** (per 1,000 live births + stillbirths). The perinatal period III includes stillbirths and hebdomadal deaths (deaths that occur prior to the seventh day of life). This rate is much higher than the U.S. rate, which has hovered between 6.2 and 6.9 since 2000 (most recent data available is 2013 rate of 6.2 per 1,000 live births + stillbirths).

To fight this alarming statistic, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment Maternal and Child Health (MCH) program are partnering with [Healthy Birth Day, Inc.](#) to launch the Count the Kicks® initiative in Kansas.

Count the Kicks® is a stillbirth prevention campaign that teaches pregnant moms how to count their baby's movements daily in the third trimester. The campaign educates moms about contacting their provider right away if they notice a change in their baby's normal movement pattern.

Why is Count the Kicks® important? According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), each year in the United States approximately 24,000 babies are stillborn, which equates one baby being born non-alive every 22 minutes. Stillbirth claims more lives than drunk driving, childhood cancer, or HIV/AIDS each year.

The costs of stillbirth are staggering. Direct costs are higher because a stillbirth requires more resources than a live birth. Indirect costs include funeral expenses, loss of income from reduced or delayed employment on the part of parents, and the continuing costs of counselling and medical care in subsequent pregnancies. Healthy Birth Day Inc. also reports that families who have experienced a stillbirth have higher divorce rates and increased mental health issues.

The Kansas Launch!

The Kansas Count the Kicks® launch will include a mail campaign to all family practice, OB/GYN and midwife providers, as well as all MCH ATL grantees, outlining Count the Kicks® and providing sample educational materials. Providers can order these educational materials, have them shipped to their offices, and implement them within their practice **for free** (up to 12 months). The materials include brochures and posters in Spanish and English and appointment cards that include information on the free Count the Kicks® app.

The MCH program will continue to support the launch of Count the Kicks® in Kansas with an email campaign providing links to digital tools that will help providers implement the program. Tools include how-to videos, downloadable kick-counting charts and easy-to-use lesson plans for childbirth educators. The MCH Program will also release Count the Kicks® PSA announcements via social media for providers to post and share.

If you would like more information about Count the Kicks® in Kansas, please contact Kelli Mark at Kelli.m.mark@ks.gov.



Kansas Health Matters 2nd Quarter Indicator Updates

by Kansas Health Matters

All indicators administered by the Kansas Health Matters partnership are updated each calendar year quarter with the most recent data available.

For the second quarter of 2018, the following indicators have been updated and are available for viewing at <http://www.kansashealthmatters.org/>.

The updated indicators are:

- Average Monthly WIC Participation per 1,000 population
- Percent of Infants Fully Immunized at 24 Months
- Percent of WIC Mothers Breastfeeding Exclusively
- Public Water Supply Coliform Compliance
- Public Water Supply Nitrate Compliance

For any inquiries, please use the "Contact Us" selection that can be found at the bottom of the home page or email; info@kansashealthmatters.org.

Regional Public Health Meetings

by Teri Caudle, RN, PHN, Local Public Health Program
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The Regional Public Health Meetings are designed to connect local health departments with programs and best practices that will benefit the work you do within your communities. Meetings are designed to connect local health departments with programs and best practices that will benefit

the work you do within your communities. The agenda for the third quarter meetings will include three presentations including the following: *KDHE Listening Tour*, Kendra Baldrige, Director, Bureau of Community Health Systems (BCHS) and Cristi Cain, Director, Local Public Health Program and *Regional Health Equity Council, Heart Disease Disparity Report*, Kendra Baldrige, KDHE BCHS Director. The meeting dates and locations for third quarter are listed below:

- **South Central Region, Aug. 1, Hutchinson**
- **Southwest Region, Aug. 8, Garden City**
- **Northwest Region, Aug. 9, Oakley**
- **North Central Region, Aug. 22, Beloit**

Registration for the third quarter meetings can be found on KS-TRAIN, Course ID# 1078296. If you have ideas for regional meeting topics or questions regarding the meetings, please contact Teri Caudle at teri.caudle@ks.gov.

Population Health and Preparedness Statewide Webinar



The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) hosts a Population Health and Preparedness Statewide Webinar on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 10 a.m. The next webinar will be Aug. 28. To view minutes from the monthly calls, click the KDHE logo.

KDHE Welcomes KanCare Liaison

by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment



Kolloh Nimley

Kolloh Nimley has joined KDHE to serve as the agency's KanCare Liaison, a new position focused on bridging gaps in health care services. She works closely with the KDHE divisions of Public Health and Health Care Finance to identify gaps in health care services. She will also collaborate with contractors, stakeholders, policymakers, legislators, and the general public to improve health care outcomes.

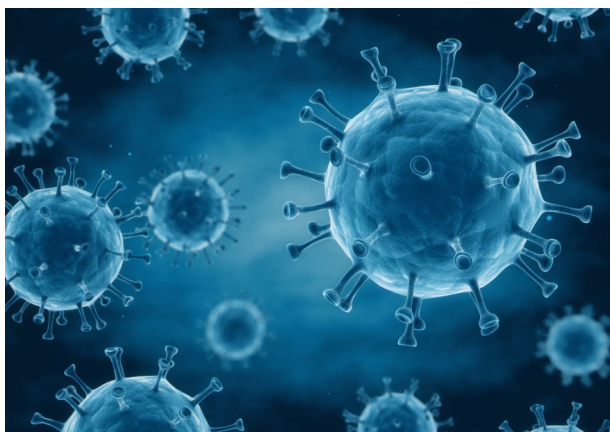
Nimley has a bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of North Dakota, a master's in political science from the University of Oklahoma and is a doctoral candidate in health care administration at Franklin University in Columbus, Ohio. She has more than 19 years of experience in policy work, addressing public health, global health and health care policy in the United Kingdom, state of Minnesota and the International Medical Graduates program, similar to Kansas' J-1 Visa Waiver program.

Nimley, among other duties, works with KanCare Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) in reviewing data related to KanCare recipients to identify gaps in coverage where an existing program may provide a benefit to consumers. She works in the Office of the Secretary in Topeka.

"We are pleased that Kolloh has joined KDHE," said Secretary Andersen. "Her extensive education and experience will be an asset in building bridges and connectivity between the Kansas Medicaid program and public health offerings—contributing to our efforts to take a more holistic approach to the health care of Kansans."

Heartland and Bourbon Virus Testing Update

by KS-HAN, Kansas Department of Health and Environment



Heartland virus was first discovered as a cause of human illness in 2009 in Missouri. More than 35 cases of Heartland virus disease have been reported from states in the midwestern and southern United States to date. Most people with the disease became sick during May through September.

Bourbon virus was recently discovered in Bourbon County. Only a few cases of Bourbon virus disease have been identified in the nation, and the geographic distribution appears to be similar to that of Heartland virus. Although it is not yet known how people become infected with Bourbon virus, most patients reported exposure to ticks before becoming ill and the virus has been identified in Lone Star ticks.

Since discovery of these viruses, Kansas has identified one Heartland virus case and one Bourbon virus case. Symptoms for both diseases have included fever, fatigue, anorexia, nausea, and diarrhea. Patients with Bourbon virus disease might also present with a diffuse, maculopapular rash. Both viruses have been found to cause leukopenia, thrombocytopenia, and elevated liver transaminases.

For several years, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has been working with state health departments under IRB-approved protocols to identify additional cases of Heartland and Bourbon virus disease and validate diagnostic tests for these viruses. Enrollment into these protocols has been concluded and CDC Arboviral Diseases Branch will now offer routine diagnostic testing for Heartland and Bourbon viruses.

To submit samples for Heartland and Bourbon virus testing at the CDC Arboviral Disease Branch, please contact the KDHE Epidemiology Hotline at 877-427-7317 for approval.

Additional information is available in the [full KS-HAN bulletin](#) and the CDC webpages on the [Bourbon virus](#) and the [Heartland virus](#).

PHAB Develops Accreditation Coordinator Handbook

The Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) has released a new handbook providing a description of the responsibilities and skills necessary for health departments' Accreditation Coordinators to be successful in their role. It describes the accreditation process and roles of the Coordinator for each step of the process and includes information about resources to supplement their knowledge and skills on specific elements of the accreditation process. View the handbook [online](#).

QI Tool: Solvability and Control Matrix

The Public Health Foundation has made available a new tool for agencies to assess problems to determine which can be easily solved and which should be brought to their quality improvement (QI) team. The tool, the [Solvability and Control Matrix](#), is [available online](#). If you have questions about how to use the tool, contact Vanessa Lamers at vlamers@phf.org or 202-218-4412.

Webinar – Preparing for the PHAB Site Visit – August 15

The Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) is hosting a webinar with tips on preparing for a PHAB site visit at 2 p.m., on Aug. 15. The webinar will provide first-hand perspectives that will assist participants to discuss the purpose and standard components; offer practical ways to maximize the outcome and benefits of the PHAB site visit, and describe effective strategies for preparing health department staff, community partners, and stakeholders for the visit. Presenters will include PHAB staff as well as individuals leading accreditation efforts in two accredited health departments: Jennifer Valentine, Knox County Health Department in Tennessee; and Mimi Ujile, Utah Department of Health in Salt Lake City. Register for the webinar [online](#). For questions, please contact Shirley Orr, shirleyaorr@gmail.com. This webinar will be archived [here](#) on the PHAB website following broadcast (Webinar ID: 999-121-411).

Webinar – Data Management in Disasters & Public Health Emergencies – August 9

Join the National Institute of Health (NIH) Disaster Information Management Research Center for a webinar to learn more about data management in disasters and public health emergencies on August 9, 12:30 p.m. Nicole Strayhorn, a NIH National Library of Medicine Associate Fellow, will discuss the results of her project to identify open data sources and data-sharing policies used during disasters and public health emergencies. For the purposes of this short-term project, she narrowed her research to the data needs of stakeholders, and the challenges of sharing and accessing data around the ongoing Zika virus outbreak. For more information on this upcoming webinar, including registration information, view the Disaster Information Management Research Center's website.

WIC Benefits Now Available by Electronic Benefit Transfer Statewide

by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment

The federal Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program administered by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment serves 30,800 families across the state. Historically, food available through the program could only be acquired at grocery stores utilizing paper checks. However, the federal government now requires states to issue an Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card to recipients to purchase food benefits.

The September 2017 card pilot launched in Shawnee County. The United States Department of Agriculture funded the \$3.2 million conversion to eWIC. All states are required to implement EBT WIC programs by October 1, 2020. Kansas is the 26th state to implement the federally-mandated EBT system after the completion of the Shawnee County pilot.

"This technology project came in on time and within budget," David Thomason, Kansas WIC Director said. "The alternative to paper checks has been well received by our clients and merchants."

WIC provides participant-centered nutrition education, healthy food, and breastfeeding support to low-income families. Once a family qualifies for WIC, it is allotted foods to meet family nutrition needs by using the EBT card at grocery stores. At the register, the family will first swipe the eWIC card to deduct the cost of approved items. They will then pay for any remaining items with another form of payment. As a fraud deterrent, the EBT card requires a PIN to access benefits.

WIC provides services at more than 100 clinic sites throughout Kansas and currently serves approximately 50,200 women, infants, and children under five.





Keeping Your KS-HAN Account Accurate

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) Preparedness Team has asked for Kansas HAN (KS-HAN) members to update their information. KS-HAN is a secure, web-based electronic communication system that allows local and state health entities to share public and environmental health information rapidly. It allows users to send, receive, and discuss information in a secure environment. It can also be used for rapid notification in the event of an emergency. KDHE regularly uses KS-HAN to send out important information. Please make sure your information is correct so you can continue to receive this timely information. Update your information at any time as your contact information changes.

Upcoming Preparedness Trainings

There are several upcoming preparedness trainings. Please see the information below for specific trainings available

KDEM Training: (G300) Intermediate Incident Command System Course for Expanding Incidents, Course ID# 1073762 - Topeka, August 13-14; Wamego, September 4-5; Arkansas City, September 18-19.

KDEM Training: (G400) Advanced Incident Command System Course for Command and General Staff, Complex Incidents, and MACS, Course ID# 1073601 • Topeka, August 15-16; Wamego, September 24-25; Arkansas City, September 25-26

KDHE will be offering ICS 300 and 400 trainings in September:

ICS 300 (1078939): Topeka – Forbes Field Armory, September 11-12

ICS 400 (1078943): Topeka – Forbes Field Armory, September 19-20

To register for any of the above trainings, you must have previously completed the IS-100.b, IS-200.b, IS-700.a, and IS-800.b courses and have the certificates on your KansasTRAIN transcript.

Fred the Preparedness Dog Ready for September



Fred the Preparedness Dog

Did you know that September is Preparedness Month in Kansas? Well, Fred the Preparedness Dog does and he's available to come out to your community and help spread the word about preparedness. If you don't know, Fred is a seven-year-old German Shepherd (his birthday is August 8) who travels around Kansas speaking to children and families about getting ready for emergencies. He visits schools and community events anywhere in the state. Fred demonstrates his emergency kit, talks about how to make emergency plans, and leaves the kids with activity books and other items so that they can learn about preparedness and go home to engage their family in preparedness activities.

Fred's current schedule for September includes:

Sept. 8 – Johnson County Parents as Teachers Safety Event

Sept. 10 – Preparedness Day at the Kansas State Fair

If you are interested in Fred the Preparedness Dog visiting your community, please contact him at KDHE.FredPreparedness@KS.gov or (785) 291-3065.

Hearst Health Prize – Deadline August 9



The Hearst Health Prize, in partnership with the Jefferson College of Population Health, is now accepting applications for the 2019 Hearst Health Prize. The winner will receive a \$100,000 prize, with \$25,000 awarded to up to two finalists in recognition of outstanding achievement in managing or improving population health. The goal of the Hearst Health Prize is to discover, support, and showcase population health programs that have made a measurable difference. The results of successful programs are expressed in terms of actual improvements in health outcomes and/or health behaviors, not just financial measures, clinical process measures, or measures of participation. The population health program, project, or initiative submitted for consideration must be currently active (not proposed or in the planning phase) and include outcomes or preliminary findings for at least one year. Additional information about this opportunity is [available online](#).

Kent Richard Hofmann Foundation Grant – Deadline August 31

The Kent Richard Hofmann Foundation awards grants to community-based organizations providing care and direct services, education, and/or research in the areas of HIV and AIDS. Grants support both developing and established programs, with an emphasis on direct benefit to clients or target audiences. The foundation has an interest in smaller communities and rural areas. Proposals that have received serious consideration include:

- Requests from locations with a scarcity of available funding
- Requests for seed money for new projects, programs, or structures
- Innovative ideas for meeting standard needs



Submit a Letter of Inquiry through the online grant portal by Aug. 31. Selected applicants will be invited to submit a full application, with a deadline of Sept. 28. Additional information available on the program website.



Sunderland Foundation Grants

Sunderland Foundation Grants support capital improvement and one-time special projects in the areas of higher education, churches, youth serving agencies, health facilities, community buildings, museums, civic projects, and energy-efficient housing projects. Since its inception, the Foundation, which is still led by Lester T. Sunderland's descendants, has focused on supporting construction projects, awarding grants to nonprofits in the Kansas City region and other markets traditionally served by the Ash Grove Cement Company. Grants are awarded throughout the state of Kansas. In recent grant cycles, the Foundation has awarded the majority of grants in four broadly defined areas: health care and hospitals, human services, higher education and arts and culture. The Foundation does not award grants for the following: annual operating expenses, programs or endowments, sponsorship for special events, primary and secondary schools, individuals, or scholarships. For more information on this funding program, view the [Foundation's website](#). Application [guidelines](#) are also available [online](#). Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.

Badge Scholarships Are Now Available for Fall 2018!



Wichita State University's online badge courses are designed for working professionals looking to increase their knowledge and gain new skills.

Apply and enroll in a badge course by **Friday, Sept. 14**, to be eligible for a scholarship that will pay all or part of the cost of a badge course. The scholarship opportunity is for the fall 2018 semester only.

What are Badges?

- Badges are **online** academic short courses of one credit hour or less designed for working, non-degree seeking professionals.
- Coursework is self-paced and competency based. Students must demonstrate their mastery of the course content in order to be awarded a badge.
- Badges are graded pass/fail with students earning a grade of BG (badge granted) or NBG (No badge granted).
- Badges become part of a student's permanent academic transcript. The grade earned cannot negatively affect a student's grade point average.
- Badges are a digital recognition of accomplishments that can be shared on social media and linked to a digital resume.
- Licensed professionals can submit badges to licensing agencies and boards for contact hours toward relicensure.

Badges of particular interest to healthcare professionals include:

- Care of Populations: Public Health
- American Sign Language Specialized Interpreting
- Anatomy & Physiology of Lactation
- School Health: Disparities, Child Development, and Nutritional Needs of School-Aged Children
- *New - Medical Terminology
- Creative Interventions

For a complete listing of available courses visit badges.wichita.edu/badgecatalog

Visit the badges.wichita.edu for more details. For questions, contact Keshia Ezerendu at 316-978-7579 or workforce@wichita.edu.

Kansas Health Foundation Impact and Capacity Grants – Deadline September 17



The Kansas Health Foundation Impact and Capacity Grants Program funds

organizations doing innovative and meaningful work that fits within the foundation's mission to reduce health disparities by focusing on access to care, tobacco use, physical activity, access to healthy food, civic engagement, and educational attainment. Applicants may apply for funds under one of the following grant programs:

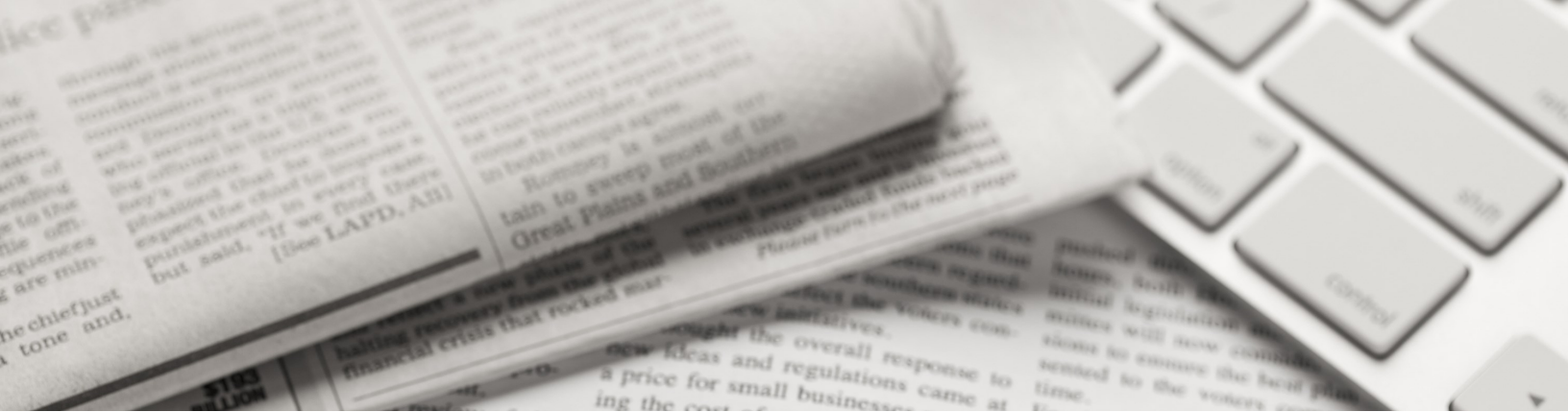
Impact grants - projects such as:

- Policy and systems change
- Grassroots organizing
- Testing innovative or promising approaches
- Initiative planning
- Matching funds

Organizational capacity building grants - efforts to enhance:

- Leadership
- Management
- Funding or financial management
- Relationships and collaboration
- Communication and marketing
- Programs and services
- Program evaluation

Additional information on funding categories, criteria, and exclusions is available in the [application instructions](#).



News and Resources

Alzheimer's Association Offers Interactive Brain Tour Resource

The Alzheimer's Association has made available an interactive resource that allows users to find out how the brain of someone with Alzheimer's differs from a healthy brain. To learn more about this resource, [view it online](#).

Fetal Alcohol Disorders Are More Common than You Think

Fetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD), a possible result from mothers drinking during pregnancy, has flown under the radar for decades. Now new conservative estimates published in The Journal of the American Medical Association show that anywhere from 1.1 to 5 percent of the U.S. population are affected, meaning it could be [more common than autism](#). Many children with FASD go through multiple misdiagnoses and many are never diagnosed. As a part of their reporting on this research, the news team found that most women aren't aware that physicians and scientists have no idea [how much or how little](#) alcohol can cause FASD.

The Opioid Epidemic's Effect on Children's Health Outcomes

Dr. Elizabeth Coté, the Chief Health Officer of the National Institute for Children's Health Quality (NICHQ), has written [an article](#) sharing her experience of working with a young mother whose addictions to opioids stems from a cycle of poverty and drug abuse: "The opioid crisis and its effects on families makes it more urgent than ever that we create systems that support families and account for the social determinants of health. Families across our country are suffering but we can change that. We can build structures that help them access the resources they need in a coordinated and comprehensive way. In doing so, we can save lives."

North Carolina Health Department Increases Funding by \$3 Million through Academic Partnerships

The Public Health Foundation has made available a recording of a recent webinar on academic health department partnerships in rural areas. Granville Vance Public Health Department in North Carolina shares its experience partnering with the University of North Carolina Gillings School of Global Public Health and the impact the partnership has on its agency, including a significant increase in funding. For more information and to view the archived webinar, visit the Public Health Foundation [website](#).

KDHE Schedule of Meetings & Conferences Impacting Local Public Health Agencies

If you are a local health department staff or a partner that often schedules meetings with local health departments, please check out the [2018](#) and [2019](#) calendars of upcoming events. The calendars include dates for the regional public health meetings, Governor's Public Health Conference, Kansas Association of Local Health Department meetings and events, Kansas Public Health Association Annual Conference, WIC Conference, and more. For the 2018 calendar click [here](#). The 2019 calendar is available [here](#).



KGMS FSR and Progress Report Trainings

Trainings will be held throughout the state on the new Kansas Grant Management System (KGMS). The trainings will focus on FSRs (financial status reports) and Progress Reports. Register on KansasTRAIN, Course ID# 1078786 for one of the trainings listed below.

Topeka, September 6, 1 p.m.

Chanute, September 10, 9 a.m.

Wichita, September 11, 9 a.m.

Hutchinson, September 12, 9 a.m.

Garden City, September 18, 9 a.m.

Oakley, September 19, 9 a.m.

Beloit, September 20, 1:30 p.m.

Contact Karen Kelley with any questions about these training opportunities at Karen.Kelley@ks.gov or 785-296-0425.

Job Postings

Franklin County Health Department

Accountant

Clerk II

County Health Department

Health Nurse I – RN

Harvey County Health Department

Community Health Nurse - RN

Hodgeman County Health Department

Health Department Staff Nurse (RN)

Marion County Health Department

Staff Nurse/Child Care Surveyor

McPherson County Health Department

Receptionist/Clerk I

Registered Nurse – Public Health

Reno County Health Department

Registered Dietitian Part-Time (24 hrs.)

Home Health Aide

Riley County Health Department

Public Health Nurse – Maternal and Infant Programs

Health Educator

Raising Riley/Early Childhood Facilitator

Chronic Disease Risk Reduction Coordinator

Public Health Nurse – Clinic

Sedgwick County Health Department

WIC Clerk

APRN – Health Department

Fiscal Associate – Front Desk

Nurse Coordinator – Immunizations

Shawnee County Health Department

RN Maternal Child Health Outreach

Stepping On Leader Training – August 28-30

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment's Bureau of Health Promotion is hosting a *Stepping On* Leader Training on Aug. 28 – 30 in Satanta. *Stepping On* is a program that offers older adults a way of reducing falls by incorporating and discussing a range of issues that include falls and risks, strength and balance exercises, starting a medication review, vision exams, home safety, safe footwear, and what to do and how to cope after a fall. The *Stepping On* program is research based and scientifically proven to reduce falls by over 30 percent among participants.

The workshop participants will be trained by master trainers on fall prevention, the substantive curriculum and group activities of the *Stepping On* community workshops, group facilitation and workshop coordination and marketing to be able to facilitate the workshops. The following are the requirements to be trained as a workshop leader:

Be a health care professional, aging network professional or fitness instructor,

Have led group-based programs on adult learning or self-efficacy principles,

Have worked with older adults in a professional setting,

Have a commitment to falls prevention,

Either be a volunteer or have permission from employer to devote work time to organizing and leading workshops, and

Commit to leading at least two *Stepping On* workshops every year.

The deadline for registration is August 13. For additional information, contact Lori Haskett at Lori.Haskett@ks.gov or 785-296-8163.

NACCHO Breastfeeding Webinar Series – Charting the Course Together

Over the last several months, the National Association of County & City Health Officials (NACCHO) has hosted a series of webinars on breastfeeding. If you missed any of these webinars and would like to view them, they are now available online. The webinar series included four webinars:

Breastfeeding and Public Health Equity

Maternity Care Practices—Nexus of Hospitals, Providers, States and Communities

Supporting Breastfeeding at Work

Broadening the Spectrum of Skilled Breastfeeding Support in the Community

Continuing education credits are available for those who watch the recorded webinars. For more information about this series or the individual webinars, visit the [NACCHO website](#).

2018 Breastfeeding Conference – Nov. 1 – 2



Kansas
Breastfeeding
Coalition, Inc.

Registration for the 2018 Breastfeeding Conference will open on September 1, but you can mark your calendar now to attend on November 1 - 2. The conference will be held at the Metropolitan Complex in Wichita. The first day of the conference will focus on

building the capacity of local breastfeeding coalitions to successfully create communities supporting breastfeeding. Registration for the first day of the conference is free and will include a 2019 Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition membership. On the second day of the conference will focus on “hot topics” in lactation to provide clinical skills and breastfeeding knowledge for healthcare professionals and others who serve families. The registration for the second day is anticipated to be approximately \$110 and will include continuing education credits for RNs, IBCLCs & CLCs. Keynote presenters for the conference will include a presentation from Laurel Wilson on the potential impact of cannabis use during pregnancy and lactation as well as a presentation from Dr. Kathy Leeper on tongue and lip tie.

Save the Date for the 2nd Annual Kansas Opioid Conference – Nov. 15

The Kansas Opioid Conference will be held November 15 in Topeka at the Capitol Plaza Hotel and Convention Center. Attend the conference to learn more about the opioid crisis and engage in a proactive effort to build a collaborative response in Kansas by addressing the issue through multiple specialties such as prescribing, prevention, treatment, recovery, and intervention. Those who are interested in presenting may submit a proposal online through July 31. Proposals are requested for workshops that emphasize knowledge-sharing, skills-building, practical application and audience participation. Sessions should focus on emerging trends, building skills and knowledge, and advocacy for best practices to address the prescription drug and opioid crisis across disciplines. Proposals should fit into one of the following topic areas: prevention, provider education, prescribing, pain management, treatment, recovery, intervention, neonatal abstinence syndrome, or law enforcement. Submit a proposal [online](#).

2018 Kansas Prevention Conference – Sept. 19 – 20



Kansas Prevention
COLLABORATIVE

CONNECTING COMMUNITIES | Promotion Awareness | Education Advocacy

Registration is now open for the 2018 Kansas Prevention Conference. The conference will be held at the Capitol Plaza Hotel and Convention Center in Topeka on September 19-20. Topics presented at the conference will include evidence-based strategies and emerging practices; coalition-building strategies; emerging drug and behavioral health trends; suicide prevention; alcohol, tobacco or marijuana abuse prevention; prescription drugs, stimulants, methamphetamine, or synthetic drug misuse prevention; connection communities and collaborating with others; and more. [Register online](#) to attend.

Webinar – Act Fast: The Growing Call for Slower Speeds – August 8

Join America Walks for a webinar on to learn from those who are leading the call for slower speeds and communities putting people first in the call for safer streets on August 8, 1 p.m. Unfortunately, the rise in pedestrian fatalities in recent years reminds us that the work to protect the right to safe places to walk and be physically active is far from done. Attendees of this webinar will learn about programs, policies, and resources being developed to help in the commitment to reducing traffic fatalities; hear from a community who is doing the hard work on the ground to make streets safer; and be inspired to take action to reduce traffic fatalities and injuries. Register to attend the [webinar online](#).



WEBINAR

All In Webinar – Research and Application: Measuring Social Needs and Outcomes – August 21

Join the *All In: Data for Community Health* learning network for a webinar on August 21, 1 p.m. *All In* partner networks work to develop evidence-based practices to advance practice, identify gaps, highlight investment needs, and inform policy. Growing recognition of the importance of social determinants of health leads to growing realization of the challenges of identifying and describing social needs in an actionable way. Measuring social needs properly has implications for people's health and their community well-being, as well as in developing an understanding of what works to address those needs. In this webinar, Caroline Fichtenberg of the Social Interventions Research and Evaluation Network will take a look at the current landscape of screening tools and outcomes measures, while Karis Grounds of 2-1-1 San Diego will demonstrate the methodology and framework of their Risk Rating Scale, which is helping them better serve their clients while showing the impact of their services over time. [Register online](#) to attend the webinar.

Webinar – ACEs: The Role of Life Experiences in Shaping Brain Development – August 9

Join this one-hour webinar led by public health experts in Tennessee on their curriculum Building Strong Brains: The Role of Life Experiences in Shaping Brain Development. The webinar will be held on Aug. 9, 11 a.m. Childhood experiences, both positive and negative, have a tremendous impact on our lifelong health and opportunity. So, early experiences are an important public health issue. Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) can put young people at significant risk for substance use disorders and can impact prevention and substance use recovery efforts.

Building Strong Brains is supported by an investment of the Tennessee Department of Health and its partners including the School of Social Work, University of Memphis. It's an insightful approach community and education leaders can implement to increase protective factors and reduce the impact of ACEs for children and adolescents. A certificate of completion will be provided to participants who take the entire webinar training. Visit <https://www.tn.gov/tccy/tccy-aces> for additional ACEs resources. Register for the [webinar online](#).

Webinar – Prevention in Practice: Building Communities that Strengthen the Resiliency of Future Generations – August 15

Attend the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) Partnership Center webinar on building the resiliency of the youth in your community on Aug. 15, 11 a.m. As the old adage goes, "the best defense is a good offense." It's a sentiment that is fueling the efforts of faith and community groups around the country which are getting ahead of the problem of substance addiction in younger generations with smart and proven practices. Participants in this webinar will hear from faith and community presenters on the offensive strategies they are implementing to strengthen the resilience of young people to resist the pressure and temptation to begin using drugs and alcohol. Stay tuned for upcoming information on the community presenters to see what this critical component of the nation's strategy to stem the addiction crisis in our country looks like in real-time and in real communities. Register online to participate in the [webinar](#).